



Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2016

- Draft -

Meeting called to order 1900 hours.

In Attendance: Merrily Lovell, Shannon Kelly, Bill Marks, Allison Lesure, Bob Hyams

Absent: Meg Handler

2. Additions:

- Bill mowing estimates
- Susan Morse, Patricia O’Kane offers
- VGS and Geprags
- Trails Committee correspondence (Jane Sheldon)

3. Minutes:

8/9 minutes: Shannon motioned/ to approve, Alison seconded. Unanimous approval.

4. Previous Action Items

- Mowing Estimates
 - Scope of mowing; not lower wetland field; include Ted’s Hill, and around sign.
 - 4 bids ranging \$575-900.
 - Unanimous agreement to go with low bid, Bill will contact
 - AVCC conservation summit. Alison to confirm with Missy that we our membership is current.
- #### 5. Harvest Festival
- September 24
 - Alison to take the lead, Bob will support, we will contact Meg to see what she would like to contribute

6. Meeting Minutes: we will experiment with approving at end of meeting

7. Open Meeting Law Training Opportunity

- scheduled sometime in September, TBD
- general interest among CC members

8. Alison back brief of Meeting with Mark LaBarr

- discussed status of VGS project
- Mark shared current work with Warbler
- CC discussed merits of Mark attending a meeting, sooner than later, to input to park management plan development. All agreed that it would be appropriate, Alison will contact Mark regarding next meeting.

9. Geprag's Management Plan

- Expertise to inform management plan: Mark LaBarr, Kate Kelly re herpetology, Bob will contact Sue Morse, to follow up Rachel S lead, Shannon will follow up with Patricia O'Kane UVM. We will work to develop this list of expertise over the coming months.
- Shannon presented a template that can serve as a jumping-off point for customizing a template for use in our management plan.

10. Other Business

- Trails Committee request (Alison): Jane Sheldon requested that we consider upgrade/repair/remove wasp nest from kiosk. Trails Committee will get an estimate on our behalf for replacement.
- VGS update (Bill)
 - Review of current developments.

Nature Notes

1. Bill saw a huge bird on a branch
2. Bob reported a motorcycle-black bear encounter on a Montana Highway
3. Alison and family had a great osprey encounter in MA
4. Merrily reported rambunctious sounding coyotes in the neighborhood
5. Shannon checked out tidal pools with the kids in Maine

11. Current Meeting Minutes review

Shannon motioned to approve as submitted, Bill seconded. Unanimous approval.

12. Meeting adjourned 2100 hours

Minutes Submitted by Shannon Kelly, Hinesburg Conservation Commission